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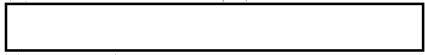
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1. In late October 1952, the personnel strength of the Kasernierte Volkspolizei Dienststelle (KVPD) in Loebau was estimated at 2,500 to 3,000. The signal Abteilung S2 totaled about 173 officers and enlisted personnel and was organized into a headquarters platoon of 25 to 30 men and an instruction company of six platoons with 18 to 25 men to each platoon.<sup>1</sup>
2. Officers of the KVPD included:

Lieutenant Colonel Rexin (fnu)	Commanding officer.
Major Oxenknecht (fnu)	Chief of staff.
Lieutenant Colonel Orzeschewski (fnu)	PK chief and deputy commanding officer.
Major Kreischer (fnu)	SSD officer.
Lieutenant Colonel Sachade (fnu)	Personnel officer.
Senior Lieutenant Ernst Meyer	Commanding officer of the headquarters platoon of the signal Abteilung.
Senior Lieutenant Hoesel (fnu)	Commanding officer of the instruction company of the signal Abteilung.
Junior Lieutenant Sirm (fnu)	Commanding officer of the 2d Platoon of the instruction company.
Junior Lieutenant Krause (fnu)	Commanding officer of the 5th Platoon of the instruction company.
Lieutenant Boden (fnu)	Platoon leader of the instruction company.
Lieutenant Naumann (fnu)	Platoon leader of the instruction company.

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Junior Lieutenant Erler (fnu)

Platoon leader of the instruction company.

Junior Lieutenant Scheinert (fnu)

PK chief of the signal Abteilung.

3. Heavy weapons observed included 2 T-34 tanks and 4 guns in the barracks yard and 4 SP guns in a garage. Source learned that another sealed garage which was continuously guarded by sentries also sheltered tanks. Small arms equipment was still insufficient. All weapons were of Soviet origin.

4. About mid-October, 2,500 to 2,800 VPs, who had been quartered in tents in the Torgelow area, were to be quartered in Loebau by order of the Ministry of the Interior.<sup>1</sup>

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1. [ ] Comment. Having detached about 3,000 personnel to Prora, Bagesin and Rautzen, the KVPD in Loebau numbered only about 300 men in late September 1952. The present report indicates that the KVPD in a short period attained its previous cadre strength. However, it is not known whether the personnel strength mentioned in paragraph 1 comprises the elements transferred from the Torgelow area to Loebau. Information by deserters indicated that the unit which was quartered in a tent camp southeast of Torgelow and moved from Torgelow to Loebau was the 3d Inf Regt of the division in Prenzlau.

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2. [ ] Comment. The key personnel of the KVPD in Loebau are known except for Lieutenant Colonel Bachadze. Lieutenant Colonel Rabin had been commanding officer of the 1st Kommando of KVPD 2155 in Leitwin.